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In re Continuation Reissue Application
of U.S. Patent No. 5,462,120

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For: DOWNHOLE EQUIPMENT, TOOLS
AND ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES
FOR THE DRILLING, TIE-IN AND
COMPLETION OF VERTICAL
CASED OIL WELLS CONNECTED
TO LINER-EQUIPPED MULTIPLE
DRAINHOLES

Group Art Unit: 3673

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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION
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I, Michel Gondouin, hereby declare that:

1. My name is Michel Gondouin. I am a U.S. citizen and reside at 32 San Marino Drive, San Rafael, California 94901. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, of sound mind, and capable of making this declaration.

2. My mailing address is the same as my residence, 32 San Marino Drive, San Rafael, California 94901.

3. I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,462,120 granted October 31, 1995 (the '120

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patent), and this reissue application on the invention entitled "Downhole Equipment, Tools, and Assembly Procedures for Drilling, Tie-In and Completion of Vertical Cased Oil Wells Connected to Liner-Equipped Multiple Drainholes."

4. The above-identified reissue application is a continuation of reissue application no. 08/861,457, filed on May 22, 1997. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application, including the patent specification, drawings and claims as originally granted and as amended by Preliminary Amendment filed on April 4, 2001, the Amendment filed on September 24, 2002, and the Amendment filed herewith.

5. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

6. I believe the '120 patent to be, through error and without deceptive intent, at least partly inoperative by reason of my claiming less than I had a right to claim in the patent.

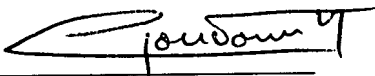
7. An error, which is a statutory basis for reissue, is that I unnecessarily limited the scope of protection to which I am entitled. Claims 1-7 do not cover the full breadth of my disclosed invention, and I erred by not pursuing during the original prosecution additional, broader claims, such as those filed in the Preliminary Amendment filed on April 4, 2001, in this application. For example, an error includes that Applicant's patent protection need not be limited to an apparatus that includes a hydraulically-operated slot-cutting tool for selectively perforating the drainhole liner as claimed in independent claims 1, 2, and 3, or to a method including selectively perforating the uncemented lower part of the coiled tubing liner in situ using a hydraulically-operated slot-cutting tool as claimed in independent claim 7. These elements are not required in claims 8-78.

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8. The above-described error and all other errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the applicant.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.



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